



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05725.0593

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
Nghi VAN NGUYEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
Application No.: 09/931,912 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
Filed: August 20, 2001 )  
For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE ) Confirmation No.: 4343  
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST )  
ONE REDUCING AGENT, AND )  
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 24, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated September 14, 2004, of the Examiner.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1.  A Petition for extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on [Date] extending the period for response to [Date].
2.  A Petition for extension of time to further extend the period for response to October 25, 2004 (October 24, 2004, being a Sunday) is enclosed together with a fee of \$430.00.
3.  The Appeal Fee of \$340.00 (or \$170.00 if by small entity)  
 is enclosed or  is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916
4.  A check for \$770.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 25, 2004

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